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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

GUHEEN ET AL.

Examiner

Thomas A. Dixon

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Arguments filed 4/17/02.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 17 April 2002 have been fully considered but are not persuasive.

Regarding the 102 rejection.

The icons/displays of Ferguson et al ('092), see figure 7 and 8 which refer to the screens of figures 15 and 16 are seen to be indicia coding/pictorial representation of the components of the system claimed. The management of the components is performed through the manipulations of the document's appearance of figure 3a.

2. Regarding the 103 rejection.

In response to applicant's argument that Blower Jr. et al ('952) is nonanalogous art, it has been held that a prior art reference must either be in the field of applicant's endeavor or, if not, then be reasonably pertinent to the particular problem with which the applicant was concerned, in order to be relied upon as a basis for rejection of the claimed invention. See *In re Oetiker*, 977 F.2d 1443, 24 USPQ2d 1443 (Fed. Cir. 1992). In this case, Blower Jr. et al is relied on for the display of the known technology of texture shading on a computer report. Though the application of the computer is different, the report shading is a computer feature not molecular biology issue.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

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3. Claims 1-9, 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

As per Claims 1-9.

Though the claim recites a method of displaying, presenting, conveying and presenting again, there is no technological apparatus which is manipulated to perform the steps and not in the technological arts, it is therefore non-statutory.

As per Claim 19.

Though the claim recites a system, only logic appears in the body of the claim, there is no technological "means" to perform the logic and not in the technological arts, it is therefore non-statutory.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

4. Claim 1-6, 8, 10-15, 17, 19 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ferguson et al (5,819,092).

As per Claim 1.

Ferguson et al ('092) discloses:

a) displaying a pictorial representation of an existing system including a plurality of components, see figures 3a, 7-13, also column 19, line 42 – Column 20, line 18;

b) presenting information related to building the components of the existing system by indicia coding the components on the pictorial representation, see figure 3a (315,320,330);

c) conveying information relating to managing the components of the existing system by indicia coding the components on the pictorial representation, see figure 3a (317);

d) presenting information relating to supporting the components of the existing system by indicia coding the components on the pictorial representation, see figure 3a (340, 362).

As per Claim 2.

Ferguson et al ('092) discloses all the limitations of claim 1.

Ferguson et al ('092) further discloses:

the building, management and support information presented and conveyed relates to deliverable features in a business offering, see figure 10 (product tips and tricks, product catalog, company newsletter, corporate information)

As per Claim 3.

Ferguson et al ('092) discloses all the limitations of claim 2.

Ferguson et al ('092) further discloses:

the features are listed in terms of the components to which each service relates, see figure 10 (product advice messages, product database, newsletter portable document, corporate information database).

As per Claim 4.

Ferguson et al ('092) discloses all the limitations of claim 3.

Ferguson et al ('092) further discloses:

the features included in the business offering are indicia encoded, see figure 10 (labeled boxes).

As per Claim 5.

Ferguson et al ('092) discloses all the limitations of claim 1.

Ferguson et al ('092) further discloses:

the components are selected from the group of components including security services, network services, web services, client services, integration capabilities, data services, directory services, management services, operations services and developer services, see figure 10.

As per Claim 6.

Ferguson et al ('092) discloses all the limitations of claim 1.

Ferguson et al ('092) further discloses:

the components are selected from the group of components including commerce-related services, content-related services, administration related services, customer related services and education related services, see figure 10.

As per Claim 8.

Ferguson et al ('092) discloses all the limitations of claim 1.

Ferguson et al ('092) further discloses:

the existing system is a web architecture framework, see figure 11.

As per Claim 10.

Ferguson et al ('092) discloses the limitations of these claims as discussed in claim 1 above and is rejected for the same reasons.

As per Claim 11.

Ferguson et al ('092) discloses all the limitations of claim 10.

Ferguson et al ('092) in view of Blower, Jr et al ('952) disclose all the limitations as discussed in claim 2 above and is rejected for the same reasons.

As per Claim 12.

Ferguson et al ('092) discloses all the limitations of claim 11.

Ferguson et al ('092) in view of Blower, Jr et al ('952) disclose all the limitations as discussed in claim 3 above and is rejected for the same reasons.

As per Claim 13.

Ferguson et al ('092) discloses all the limitations of claim 12.

Ferguson et al ('092) in view of Blower, Jr et al ('952) disclose all the limitations as discussed in claim 4 above and is rejected for the same reasons.

As per Claim 14.

Ferguson et al ('092) discloses all the limitations of claim 10.

Ferguson et al ('092) in view of Blower, Jr et al ('952) disclose all the limitations as discussed in claim 5 above and is rejected for the same reasons.

As per Claim 15.

Ferguson et al ('092) discloses all the limitations of claim 10.

Ferguson et al ('092) in view of Blower, Jr et al ('952) disclose all the limitations as discussed in claim 6 above and is rejected for the same reasons.

As per Claim 17.

Ferguson et al ('092) discloses all the limitations of claim 10.

Ferguson et al ('092) in view of Blower, Jr et al ('952) disclose all the limitations as discussed in claim 8 above and is rejected for the same reasons.

As per Claim 19.

Ferguson et al ('092) discloses the limitations of these claims as discussed in claim 1 above and is rejected for the same reasons.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the

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invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 7,9,16,18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ferguson et al (5,819,092) in view of Blower, Jr et al (6,323,952).

As per Claim 7.

Ferguson et al ('092) discloses all the limitations of claim 1.

Ferguson et al ('092) does not disclose:

wherein the indicia coding is selected from the group including texture coding, color coding and shading coding.

Blower, Jr et al ('952) teaches displaying texture, color or shading coding, see figure 2, for the benefit of distinguishing subsets of data in a summary histogram.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made to modify the invention of Ferguson et al ('092) to display texture, color or shading coding as taught by Blower, Jr et al ('952), see figure 2, for the benefit of distinguishing subsets of data in a summary histogram.

As per Claim 9.

Ferguson et al ('092) discloses all the limitations of claim 1.

Ferguson et al ('092) does not disclose:

a legend is presented.

Blower, Jr et al ('952) teaches displaying a legend, see figure 2, for the benefit of distinguishing subsets of data in a summary histogram.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made to modify the invention of Ferguson et al ('092) to display a legend as taught by Blower, Jr et al ('952), see figure 2, for the benefit of distinguishing subsets of data in a summary histogram.

As per Claim 16.

Ferguson et al ('092) discloses all the limitations of claim 10.

Ferguson et al ('092) in view of Blower, Jr et al ('952) disclose all the limitations as discussed in claim 7 above and is rejected for the same reasons.

As per Claim 18.

Ferguson et al ('092) discloses all the limitations of claim 10.


Ferguson et al ('092) in view of Blower, Jr et al ('952) disclose all the limitations as discussed in claim 9 above and is rejected for the same reasons.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas A. Dixon whose telephone number is (703) 305-4645. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 6:30 - 4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on (703) 308-2702. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 305-7687 for regular communications and (703) 305-7687 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1113.


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